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# **Community rallies to support Hampton Hero**

Last month the Hampton Police Division hosted a cookout to raise funds for Hampton hero Kelvin White. Due to the generosity of city employees and local residents, over \$8,000 was collected, and donations continue to come in.

White was injured last fall when he stopped a robbery at a Hampton grocery store. He has been unable to work since then due to a lengthy rehabilitation period.

On Oct. 21, 2011 White was making a delivery to a Hampton Food Lion. As he entered the rear of the business he was alerted by store employees that a robbery was in progress and explosive devices were strapped to employees. Armed with only a pocket knife, White followed the store manager and one of the suspects to the front of the business, grabbing the suspect from behind in an attempt to subdue him. A second suspect appeared from the front office and began firing at White, striking him in the right leg and enabling the first suspect to break from his grasp.

Both suspects immediately fled the business, but thanks to White's actions no employees were injured during the robbery.

"Although Mr. White was quite humbled by the attention and notoriety he received, he was reluctant to discuss the financial struggles he was facing as a result of the incident. It was only after Chief Jordan's persistence did we learn of Mr. White's situation. Chief Jordan's mission was to do whatever he could to help Mr. White and his family," said Cheryl Steele of the Hampton Police Division.

"People from all over Hampton Roads stopped by that day in support of Kelvin White," she added. "It really touched him that so many people cared."

Residents can donate to "Kelvin's Fund" at any Chartway Federal Credit Union. (Checks may be made payable to Kelvin White with a note in the memo section "Kelvin's Fund.")

The original news release on the fundraiser can be found [here](#).

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